

CLERK: 26 ayes and 2 nays.

PRESIDENT: Senator...the Call is raised.

CLERK: Read LR22.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Is it appropriate to do this now or should the introducer explain the Resolution?

PRESIDENT: In order to get it referred to committee it does take the action of 25, so....Is Senator DeCamp around? He is not here? Would you want too...you discuss it then Senator Fowler, we will hear from him when he returns.

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Kremer, are you co-sponsor, would you want to explain the Resolution before I make the motion or.....

SENATOR DE CAMP: What is the question?

PRESIDENT: The question is your Resolution, Senator Fowler wants to refer it to committee. You have an opportunity to discuss it before that motion comes up.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well....you just don't want to vote for it here? A quick vote? Which committee would it go to?

PRESIDENT: It would go to the Reference Committee.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I'm kind of gun shy about these things going to committee and never seeing the light of day again.

PRESIDENT: Then it goes to coordinators.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Ahh, well what is the purpose of referring it to committee?

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler will advise you....would you like to discuss the resolution?

SENATOR DE CAMP: The Resolution has to do with the Norden Dam project commonly known as the O'Neill project, the project that has been worked on for somewhere between 20-35 years depending upon when you consider the official start date. It involves hundreds of millions of dollars and of course recharge of ground water, irrigation, development of recreation and of course the over-all economic and environmental development of a big portion of north-east and central Nebraska. This project has been put into jeopardy by a variety of things ranging from some new policies or attitudes of the Carter administration to a recent court ruling in the federal courts and this legislature has annually supported the concept of this resolution and through legislation to help it go ahead. This was simply a reaffirmation of a policy adopted by this legislature going years and years back.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The reason that I move to send this Resolution to committee I think just the reasons that Senator DeCamp pointed out. In